



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Please find below the **Week 4 Term 1** edition of the Parental Lion Roars.

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## From the College Principal:

Mr Anthony Gleeson

### Staffing - Welcome to Two New Staff Members

Please welcome to our community **Dr Elizabeth Nain**. Elizabeth will be joining us in HSIE - primarily to teach Economics. Elizabeth will bring her vast experience in the corporate world coupled with her expert knowledge of Economics and all things finance to our students. A great combination! I am sure the community will welcome Elizabeth.

As you know - Mr Nathan Smith held the position of Leader of Pathways up until the conclusion of 2019, where he was successful in his application for the Director of Evangelization and Catholic Formation. A new position was developed and advertised before Christmas. The successful applicant for the position of Community Partnerships Leader is **Ms Melanie Timmerman**. Melanie will be onboarding with the team at the CSO this week - and will commence her role here at St Leo's next Monday.

Melanie joins us from TAFE NSW where she held the position of Schools Relationship Coordinator. This job entailed not only operations but also strategically around continuous improvement, movement and further development of suitable courses and learning outcomes for our learners. Melanie was the first point of contact for 200+ local high schools in Sydney and has a very deep and extensive network with many post school institutions.

As Melanie said in her application "...the position of Community Partnerships Leader is a great example of closing gaps by building new bridges...". We look forward to seeing Melanie here next Monday.

## From the Director of Evangelisation & Catholic Formation:

Mr Nathan Smith



### Ash Wednesday Mass – Wednesday 26 February at 9:30am

On Wednesday 26 February, the College will gather for the **Ash Wednesday Mass**, which will be held in the Light of Christ Centre. This Mass marks the beginning of Lent and where we see Jesus wander out into the desert for 40 days, in preparation for His ultimate sacrifice; by dying on the cross for us, so that we can be born to eternal life.

During this Lenten period, we challenge ourselves to grow as Christians by fasting, almsgiving, and reflecting on our spiritual lives. In doing so, it prepares us for the most sacred time in the Christian Church calendar – Holy Week.

We would like to extend a warm invitation to all parents and caregivers to attend our Ash Wednesday Mass on 26 February. Mass begins at 9:30am in the Light of Christ Centre and all are welcome.

### Caritas Australia's Project Compassion

The College will once again support Caritas Australia's annual Project Compassion fundraising and awareness-raising appeal. Millions of Australians come together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

More information about Caritas Australia and Project Compassion can be found here:

<https://lent.caritas.org.au/#blank>

Throughout this Lenten season, there will be a number of initiatives that students and families will be invited to participate in. This information will be communicated once finalised.

Your support of this appeal is greatly appreciated.

### Relics of St Therese of Lisieux & Parents Tour

A warm welcome to the Relics of St Therese and her parents Ss Louis and Zelig Martin, to our **Cathedral Parish at Broken Bay on the 7 March at 9.15am - 8 March at 7.15am.**

Parishioners will have an opportunity to spend time in groups of prayer welcoming these great saints. As we welcome them, we entrust our Families, Societies, Nation, and very specially the family of our Diocese of Broken Bay into their care.

St Therese 'Patron Saint of Missions', affectionately known as the 'little flower', teaches us to find God in the ordinary details of life. Her love for God was very simple and she called it her 'little way'.

Find out more about this significant event as Australia prepares for the Plenary Council by visiting: [catholicmission.org.au/relics-of-saint-there-se-of-lisieux](http://catholicmission.org.au/relics-of-saint-there-se-of-lisieux)



### Friday Lunchtime Mass

All students are warmly invited to attend the Lunchtime Mass that is held in the College Chapel every Friday during school term. Mass commences at 1:20pm.

Should any students wish to be involved in the Mass as readers or musicians, please see Mr Smith or Deacon Adrian.

### Kiribati BBQ Fundraiser – Monday 24 February

A group of St Leo's pilgrims will again launch out into the Pacific during the July holidays and travel to the small nation of Kiribati as part of our annual Kiribati Immersion. To assist with the fundraising efforts (all money raised goes directly to the communities we support in Kiribati by way of financial contributions or the purchasing of essential items), the Kiribati pilgrims will be running a lunchtime BBQ next Monday 24 February. Items on sale include sausage sandwiches, soft drinks, and other snacks.

Items start from \$2.00 and will be available to purchase during lunchtime on the Muru Mittaggar (Main Yard).

## Upcoming Events:

### Thomas Aquinas Feast Day:

The College will celebrate St Thomas Aquinas' Feast Day on **Tuesday 10 March** with a House Liturgy for those students in Aquanis House.

### Holy Thursday Liturgy:

Parents are warmly invited to join us in marking the solemn events of Holy Week with our liturgy on Holy Thursday in the Light of Christ Centre.

Venue: The Light of Christ Centre

**Date: Thursday 9th April, 11.15am**

## From the Director of Students:

Mr Ashley Johansen

### Year 12 Student Leadership - What a team!

Congratulations to our Year 12 student leadership team who participated in two significant College events last week - the Laureate Assembly and Semester Two 2019 Academic Awards Ceremony on Wednesday and Friday's light-hearted, fun Valentine's Day initiative where awareness and funds were enthusiastically raised for the NSW Rural Fire Service. In particular, the leaders' teamwork at the Wednesday assembly was absolutely outstanding as they expertly chaired the 90 minute assembly/ceremony. We also congratulate our 2020 Student Representative Council (SRC) team members who were officially presented to their peers at Wednesday's assembly. The SRC team is:

**Year 8:** Jenna S, Adrian B & Kirin I

**Year 9:** Ashton T, Thomas C & Sarah C

**Year 10:** Rivan R, Matteo Do & Xander Y

**Year 11:** Jessica J, Emily T & Mahdi F

**Year 12 SRC Ambassadors:** Hannah D & Cameron H

\*Please see all photos via the College Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/stleoswahroonga/>

## Uniform & Grooming Expectations

Please note the Google classroom correspondence below that was communicated to ALL 7-12 students last Friday afternoon as it relates to the College's 2020 uniform and grooming expectations.

*'As mentioned in the College diary the students' uniform/grooming enhances a sense of belonging to the College community. Wearing the uniform correctly and being appropriately groomed shows pride in one's appearance and enhances the reputation of the College in the wider community. Unfortunately some students still need to adjust/correct their uniform and grooming and this now needs to happen by next Monday 17th February given we have had three weeks to adjust to the new academic year. Some areas that need attention are:*

- *Correct College caps - now available from our uniform supplier in Turramurra*
- *Correct College spray jackets - now available from our uniform supplier in Turramurra*
- *All hair neatly tied back if it falls beyond the collar line*
- *All dress and tunic lengths to be knee length*
- *Appropriate grooming as outlined on pp. 27-29 in the 2020 College Student Diary*

*Every Monday during morning assembly, there will be a uniform/grooming inspection as well as scheduled random checks throughout the week at different times. Students who are not in correct uniform*

*or inappropriately groomed will receive consequences via their Year Leaders which may include being sent home if uniform/grooming continues to be sub-standard. If students are NOT in the correct uniform, they must report to their Year Leader before 8:30am with a parent/caregiver note, to be issued with a Uniform Pass.*

*Thank you to all those students who are dressed and groomed immaculately each day - it is very much appreciated.'*

## **SchoolTV – An Online Wellbeing Resource Available to the St Leo’s Community**

Here is the **SchoolTV** link for special reports that may be of interest to our College parents/caregivers in raising young teenagers: [https://stleos.nsw.schooltv.me/wellbeing\\_news](https://stleos.nsw.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news)

## **From the Director of Curriculum:**

Mr George Morad

### **Student Led Conferences for Years 7-10**

In 2019, St Leo’s implemented Student Led Conferences for the first time in Years 7 and 8. It allowed students to showcase what they were most proud of in a variety of growth domains that year. This year we will be extending this to Years 9 and 10 as well. The Year 9 and 10 Student Led Conference will be held on Wednesday April 8th from midday to 8.30pm (more information will come out regarding booking). Students will receive some guidance on how to prepare one over the next few weeks.



So what is a Student Led Conference (SLC):

- Parent-teacher-student conferences are where the teacher is not the focus, the student “runs the show.”
- The student must be present and in charge of explaining his or her progress, reflecting on areas of success as well as areas requiring growth.
- The student presents short and long term goals linked to specific aspects of the learning.
- This conference model effectively positions students as experts in their own learning, and highlights their voices and insights to drive a rich discussion.

A good example of an SLC can be seen in the video clip below:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L\\_WBSInDc2E&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L_WBSInDc2E&feature=emb_logo)

It is from the Chicago School System but it is the type of model we have aimed for at St Leo’s as it allows students to set learning goals for their teachers to be able to track.

## **From the Director of Teaching and Learning:**

Mrs Josephine Cali

### **Year 11 or 12 Minimum Standards Tests**

Students in Year 11 or 12 who have not yet met the requirements for the Minimum Standards Tests are invited to meet Mrs Cali in the Bakhita House Computer Laboratory at the start of lunch on Wednesday 19 February to either complete the tests or to work on Literacy, Writing or Reading skill development. Students may bring their lunch with them to the meeting.

Students who are yet to meet the Minimum Standards have received a personalised notification with further details via the Year 11 or 12 Google Classroom page/email. While these Minimum Standards Tests are not compulsory, students need to meet the Minimum Standards to be eligible to receive their HSC. Parents are asked to encourage their sons/daughters to complete or re-attempt these tests as soon as possible.

**Further information is available from:**

[Resources for students, parents and schools](#)

[Minimum Standards Online Tests Information](#)

**Sample questions and demonstration tests are available online:**

- [sample reading test questions](#)
- [sample reading test questions and answers](#)
- [demonstration test](#)



## Change of Subjects Years 8-12

Students who have a genuine reason to request a change of elective subject are required to submit their completed Change of Subject Form to Ms Ellison (Director of Administration) by lunchtime on Thursday 20 February 2020. Parents /caregivers are asked to ensure that the form has been signed by a parent or caregiver as this is required before we can process the request.

## Illness Misadventure Forms

Due to the recent bushfires and floods, some students have experienced disruption to facilities such as electricity and Internet connection at home. Students who have been affected are required to complete an Illness/Misadventure Form with some evidence of the circumstances or disruption to their studies or assessment task preparation. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the College if there is anything we can do to assist affected students.

## PAT Testing

Students in Year 7 will be completing Progressive Achievement Tests ([PAT Testing](#)). The testing will place during Periods 3 and 4 on Wednesday 19 February. Students will need to bring a fully charged iPad and a pen for the tests. Students do not need to study or prepare for the tests.

The purpose of the PAT tests is to investigate and diagnose student learning and to monitor progress over time. At St Leo's Catholic College, teachers are working within a [growth mindset](#), with the benefits of targeted teaching, increased levels of student engagement and improved learning outcomes.

Students in Year 8 will be completing PAT Testing in the coming weeks. Students in Years 7-8 will be retested at various intervals over Years 7-10 to track progress and identify skill development to inform teaching practice. Further information is available from: <https://www.acer.org/au/pat/faqs>

## Best Start Testing

Students in Year 7 will be completing the [Best Start 7 Online Test](#) during school time. Students start secondary school with different skills and abilities in literacy and numeracy. The Best Start Test provides teachers with data that can be used to plan their teaching to the learning needs of students. Students will require a fully charged iPad, connected to the College WiFi, to complete the test. Further information is available from [Best Start 7](#). Visit: <https://www.csodbb.catholic.edu.au/learning/Curriculum-Initiatives>

## Year 12 (HSC) 2020

NESA have provided the [2019 HSC Examination Packs](#). Examination Packs generally includes:

- An online copy of the HSC examination
- Marking guidelines with sample answers, and
- HSC Marking Feedback.

Students in Year 12 are encouraged to use the [NESA Resources](#) pages to complement their learning in the classroom. This is an important part of developing [student self assessment skills](#). Students are encouraged to start completing relevant parts of past HSC Exam papers as part of their ongoing preparation for the HSC. Staff are available to assist students with locating and completing past paper questions.

## iPad (Years 7-12) or MacBook (Years 11-12 Requirements)

All students' iPad (Years 7-12) or MacBook (Years 11-12) should now be connected to the College WiFi. If there are any students who are yet to be connected, please log a ticket by sending an email with your full name, year group and request for connection to [icltservices@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:icltservices@dbb.catholic.edu.au) and our College ICLT Trainee, Mr James Santos, will action the request as soon as possible. If you have any other questions about iPad or MacBook connections please contact me at the College.

## Australian Government eSafety Resources

St Leo's College encourages parents/caregivers to discuss online safety with their children. Resources to assist with these important discussions are available from the Australian Government [eSafetyCommissioner](#) website. The Australian Government provides eSafety and Tips for Parents to ensure online Safety. While our students are tech-savvy, they still can benefit from basic rules and guidelines set by parents to support their use of technology.

Tips and advice on [online safety basics](#) and [eSafety](#) are available for parents/carers.

If you require any assistance with these resources please contact me at the College.



## Blackboard Configuration

You may have noticed that your son or daughter has learning intentions in their workbooks or online course materials. This is part of the St Leo's Catholic College Blackboard Configuration to improve teaching and learning. Staff share the learning intentions or learning goals with students for each lesson or a series of lessons so that students are able to articulate what they are learning. Students and teachers also co-construct the success criteria.

For more information on learning intentions and success criteria please [click here](#). We encourage all parents/carers to engage in conversation about what your sons and daughters are learning about at school to share in the learning journey of our St Leo's students.

## From the Leader of Sport:

Mr Michael Kember

## Sports Trials for Rep Teams

Trials for rep sports teams have begun. Information has been advertised via the 'St Leo's Sport Google Classroom' page that students should join. The code has been posted on pastoral pages, or see Mr Kember.

## From the CAPA Co-curricular Coordinator:

Mr Vince Tavernese

### Expressions of Interest – Ceramics

We are currently seeking interest in a St Leo's Ceramic Class open to all students, the Ceramic class will be run on a later date as advised. Any students interested please go see Mrs Stevenson or Mr Tavernese.

### CAPA Ensembles Timetable

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7:30 - 8:30		MAX 12 MML03	STAGE BAND MML03	LEOS SINGERS MML03	SYMPHONIC BAND MML04**
			GUITAR ENSEMBLE MML03 *	CONCERT BAND MML04	
LUNCH		DRUMLINE MML04	ROCK BAND TUTOR ROOMS	JNR ART CLUB MMG01	GIRLS ROCK BAND MML04
			ACCORDION GROUP MML03		SENIOR DANCE MML01
3:00 - 4:00		MALE SINGERS MML03	DRAMA PRODUCTION MML01	JNR DANCE MML01	
				STRING ENSEMBLE MML04	

\*Guitar ensemble will be conducted at 11am  
\*\* Symphonic Band will be conducted at 7:15am

If you have any questions in regards to ensembles or lessons, contact [vincenzo.tavernese@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:vincenzo.tavernese@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

## From the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Coordinator:

Mr Andrew Introna

### Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Parent/Participant Information Evening

**Date:** Thursday, 12 March, 7pm

**Venue:** Aquinas Resource Centre

**Purpose:** To inform prospective participants and their families about the Award, it's principles and how it is delivered at St Leo's.

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a personal challenge program for young people aged 14 to 25 years. Participants undertake to develop a new Skill, participate in a Physical Activity, do community service and challenge themselves with 2 Adventurous Journeys. Activities are carried out in participants' own time and activities they are already participating in like music lessons, sporting endeavours, volunteering can contribute to the award. Progress is tracked utilising an app/website. Those who wish to participate should join the Duke of Ed 2020 Google Classroom using the code *1hd2xy9* or contact Mr Andrew Introna.

## Community Notices:

# Teaching someone to drive can be a **happy** experience.

Come to a FREE two hour workshop full of practical advice and information for parents, carers and supervisors of learner drivers completing the Graduated Licensing Scheme.

The next workshop in your area will be held:

TIME & DATE:	VENUE:	BOOK NOW ON:
6:30pm to 8:30pm Thursday 5 March 2020	Hornsby Shire Council Chambers Building 296 Peats Ferry Rd Hornsby	Online via: <a href="http://www.trybooking.com/BGILA">www.trybooking.com/BGILA</a> (02) 9847 6856 Bookings Essential

Helping learner drivers  
become safe drivers



The poster features a vibrant, blue-toned illustration of various cartoonish characters and objects, including a robot, a car, and a person, set against a background of intricate, swirling patterns. A circular badge in the top left corner reads "12-24 YRS" and "If turning 12 also welcome". The title "The Landing" is prominently displayed in large, bold, orange letters. Below the title, the location and hours are listed in white text on a dark blue background.

**12-24 YRS**  
If turning 12 also welcome

# The Landing

Turrumurra Youth Centre  
5 Ray St Turrumurra  
(Under Turrumurra Library)

Open 2.30pm - 5.30pm  
Tuesdays during school term

The logo for Kuring-gai Council, featuring a stylized green landscape with trees above the text "Kuring-gai Council".



# We're looking for iPad champions!

Are you aged between 15 and 24 and willing to share your iPad expertise with older residents? Ku-ring-gai Council is looking for young volunteers to teach seniors the basics of iPads, such as using apps, email and downloading and sending photos.

**Workshops 4-6pm Tuesday 18 & 20 February**

For more information or to register visit [kmc.nsw.gov.au/youthevents](http://kmc.nsw.gov.au/youthevents)

**Contact**  
youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au  
9424 0981

**Gordon Library**  
Meeting Room 2  
799 Pacific Highway



Ku-ring-gai Youth Services  
[kmc.nsw.gov.au/youth](http://kmc.nsw.gov.au/youth)



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